| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0129  Responded to: 11 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## What were the total number of cat theft/abduction crimes in 2024? I can confirm that there were 11 recorded cat thefts in 2024

## What was the outcome (charge/summons, community resolution, active investigation, evidential difficulties, no suspect identified) for each cat theft/abduction crime in 2024?

Crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the [Scottish Crime Recording Standard](https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/p0nfjj2c/scottish-crime-recording-standard-crime-recording-and-counting-rules-april-2021.pdf?view=Standard) and crimes are reported as recorded or detected.

Detected crimes are those where an accused has been identified and there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots Law to justify consideration of criminal proceedings.

Of the 11 thefts, 7 were recorded as a detected crime whereas the remaining 4 thefts were undetected.

Regarding outcomes, Police Scotland does not hold criminal conviction/ prosecution data and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and/ or the Scottish Courts Service.

Please list specific cat breed types with amounts (stolen/abducted in 2024) — or ‘breed unrecorded’ or ‘mixed breed’?  
The breeds of the cats were recorded as follows:

Not Recorded 6

Other 2

Shorthair British 2

Shorthair Exotic 1

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 6 March 2025

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.